In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9 and amend Claims 1, 4 and 7 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A DNA microarray comprising:

a set of features on a substrate, each of the features including multiple copies of single stranded DNA probes of common sequence, and

features including positive control probes being included in the set of features, the ~~probes~~ features for the positive control probes ~~controls~~ being arranged in a pattern on the microarray such that the features having the positive control probes create a symbol recognizable to a human being through visual observation when illuminated, so that whether an event of interest has occurred can be determined by hybridizing fluorescently tagged nucleic acids from a sample to the microarray, illuminating the microarray, and observing the presence or absence of the symbol ~~visual pattern~~.

2.-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~building~~ designing a polynucleotide microarray comprising the steps of:

selecting a set of features, each feature including a plurality of polynucleotide probes of identical nucleotide sequence for detecting an event of interest, some of the features including probes designed to serve as ~~being~~ positive controls; and

arranging the set of features on a microarray substrate so that the features containing positive controls when illuminated form a ~~pattern~~ symbol recognizable to a human being through visual observation if the ~~positive control~~ features including positive control probes fluoresce,

wherein the set of features provides a polynucleotide microarray.

5.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method for detecting whether an event of interest in a biological experiment has occurred comprising the steps of:

providing a DNA microarray comprising a set of features, each feature including a plurality of single stranded DNA probes of the same sequence, ~~for detecting the event of interest,~~ the microarray including features intended to serve as positive controls indicating that the event of interest has occurred, the features for positive controls being arranged in a pattern forming a character recognizable to a human being through visual observation;

hybridizing nucleic acids from a sample to the microarray; and

observing the presence or absence of the visual pattern to determine if the event of interest has occurred.

8.-9. (Cancelled)